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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Communication***  
**High Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337**  
**Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No.**  
**96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Mike Rhoda, Windstream Senior V.P. for Government Affairs, and I met with Commissioner Larry Landis of the Universal Service Joint Board to discuss Windstream's position on comprehensive universal service reform. Today, we also met with Commissioners Ray Baum and John Burke, separately, on the same matter. The discussions were consistent with positions Windstream has already described in record of this proceeding and as summarized in the attached documents, which we provided to the Commissioners.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eric N. Einhorn

cc (by e-mail):

Commissioner Baum

Commissioner Landis  
Commissioner Burke